

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. Claims 1, 3 and 9 are cancelled. Claims 2, 4-8, and 10-23 are allowed.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 2, 4-8, and 10-23.

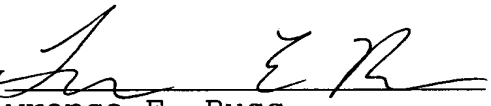
In the Office Action, the Examiner requested that claims 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 20, 21, and 22 be amended for "formal matters". Claims 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 20, 21, and 22 have been amended accordingly.

Therefore, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which the Examiner might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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